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NWT Labour Force Activity - August 2013 -

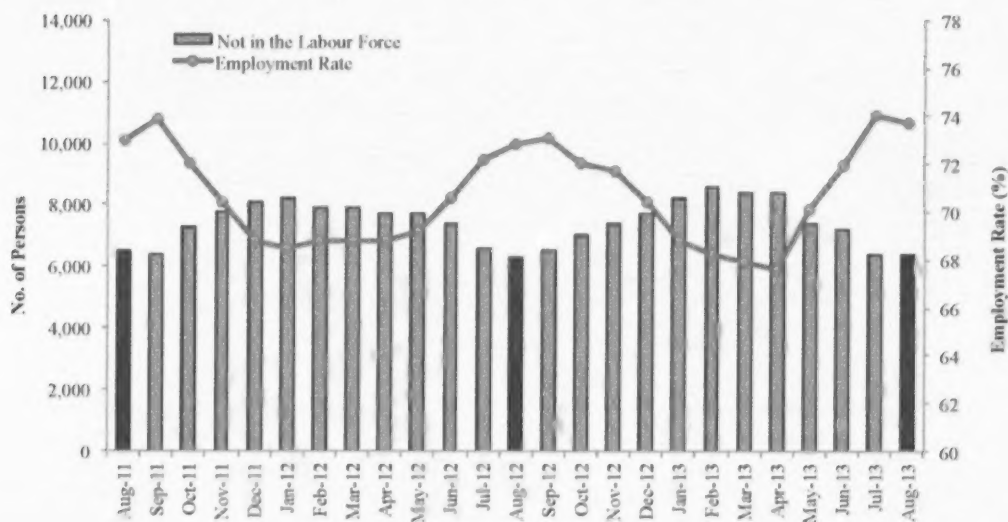
In August 2013, Statistics Canada estimates that 23,500 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 73.7%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 62.9%.

Overall, the labour force activities in the NWT remained almost flat since July. At 73.7%, the NWT employment rate showed a drop of 0.3 percentage points from July. However, even with this decrease, the August employment rate represents the highest August rate since 2007; a result of the large seasonal employment over the last few months.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, August 2013

	Aug-13	Jul-13	Aug-12
Population	31,900	31,900	32,000
Labour Force	25,500	25,500	25,700
Employed	23,500	23,600	23,300
Unemployed	2,000	1,900	2,300
Not in Labour Force	6,400	6,400	6,300
Participation (%)	79.9	79.9	80.3
Employment (%)	73.7	74.0	72.8
Unemployment (%)	7.8	7.5	8.9

Figure 1 *Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rates*
Northwest Territories, 2011-2013



The rise in summer employment for youth, which began in May, continued in August, showing a 3.1 percentage point increase over July, whereas the employment rate for persons 25 years and over decreased by 1.1 percentage points. The youth employment rate has been strong in the NWT this summer, and the August rate is the highest since September 2005. Similarly, aboriginal employment rate also continued to increase since April to 57.7% in August. In contrast, non-aboriginal employment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points in August.

Table 2 *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories*

	Aug-13		Jul-13		Jun-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	23,500	73.7	23,600	74.0	23,000	71.9
15-24 Yrs.	3,700	56.9	3,500	53.8	3,100	47.0
25 Yrs. & Over	19,800	78.0	20,100	79.1	19,900	78.3
Males	12,200	73.5	12,400	74.7	11,900	71.7
Females	11,300	73.9	11,200	72.7	11,100	72.1
Aboriginal	8,200	57.7	8,100	57.4	7,600	54.7
Non-Aboriginal	15,300	86.4	15,500	86.6	15,400	85.1
Yellowknife	13,500	83.3	13,500	83.3	13,100	81.9
Other	10,000	63.7	10,100	64.3	9,900	61.9

Between August and July, 400 less people were employed in the private sector, while 300 more people were employed in the public sector. On a year-over-year basis, the total employment was higher than the previous year by 200 persons. Notably, the number of self-employed persons was higher by 700, although that of public sector employment was down by 500.

Table 3 *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, August 2013*

	Aug-13	Jul-13	Aug-12	Jul-13 to Aug-13	Aug-12 to Aug-13
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	23,500	23,600	23,300	(100)	200
Full-time	21,500	21,300	21,200	200	300
Part-time	2,000	2,300	2,200	(300)	(200)
Employees	21,500	21,600	22,000	(100)	(500)
Public	10,600	10,300	11,100	300	(500)
Private	10,900	11,300	10,900	(400)	-
Self-employment	2,000	2,000	1,300	-	700
Goods Producing	4,000	4,100	3,700	(100)	300
Service Producing	19,500	19,500	19,600	-	(100)

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 *Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories*

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.3	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Sep-12	32,000	25,600	23,400	2,200	6,500	80.0	8.6	73.1
Previous Years:								
Aug-12	32,000	25,700	23,300	2,300	6,300	80.3	8.9	72.8
Aug-11	32,200	25,700	23,500	2,200	6,500	79.8	8.6	73.0
Aug-10	32,300	24,300	22,400	1,900	8,000	75.2	7.8	69.3
Aug-09	32,100	23,400	21,700	1,600	8,800	72.9	6.8	67.6
Aug-08	32,100	24,800	23,400	1,400	7,300	77.3	5.6	72.9
Aug-07	31,800	25,300	23,800	1,600	6,500	79.6	6.3	74.8
Aug-06	31,300	24,900	23,600	1,400	6,400	79.6	5.6	75.4
Aug-05	31,300	24,900	23,600	1,400	6,400	79.6	5.6	75.4
Aug-04	31,000	24,600	23,000	1,600	6,400	79.4	6.5	74.2
Aug-03	30,300	23,700	21,900	1,700	6,600	78.2	7.2	72.3

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca> or call (867) 873-7147.

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